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WESTERN AUSTRALIA.

Report for the month of October, 1947.

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This report gives the latest available figures relative to Population; Marriages; Births and Deaths; Land Settlement; State Government Revenue and Expenditure; Savings Banks; Bank Clearances; Real Estate Transactions; Sales Tax; Companies Registered and Bankruptcy; Government Railway Operations; Motor Vehicle Registrations; Trade; Building Construction; Butter Production; Gold Output and Dividends/Reported Retail Prices Index; Employment; Unemployment Benefits; Electricity Supply (Metropolitan Area) and Livestock Slaughterings.

POPULATION.

The following populations are now recorded as a preliminary result of the Census taken on the 30th June, 1947;

State Total: 502,731 - Comprising 258,303 males and 244,428 females.
(Increase since 1933 Census - 63,879).

Metropolitan Area: 272,586 - Comprising 131,717 males and 140,869 females.
(Increase since 1933 Census - 65,146).

MARRIAGES, BIRTHS & DEATHS - WESTERN AUSTRALIA.

		September		9 Months ended September	
		1947	1946	1947	1946
Marriages	...	No.	407	420	3,903
	...	*Rate per 1000 of population	9.82	10.32	10.41
Births	...	No.	1,045	1,165	9,801
	...	* Rate per 1000 of population	25.21	28.63	26.13
Deaths	...	No.	423	460	3,495
	...	*Rate per 1000 of population	10.21	11.30	9.32
Infant Mortality No.			32	44	302
" "		Rate per 1000 live births	30.62	37.77	30.81
PRINCIPAL CAUSES OF DEATH ~					
Tuberculosis			9	17	105
Cancer			59	44	426
Influenza			2	4	9
Diphtheria			1	1	8
Cerebral Haemorrhage, etc.			38	37	316
Arteriosclerosis			15	20	124
Diseases of the Heart			140	129	995
Pneumonia and Broncho-Pneumonia			20	40	194
Diarrhoea and Enteritis			4	1	23
Nephritis			19	17	131
Diseases of Early Infancy			16	27	151
Senility			14	9	95
Accidents			25	24	216
All other Causes			61	90	702
TOTAL:			423	460	3,495
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* Equivalent Annual Rate.

LAND SETTLEMENT.

Land taken up under conditional alienation during the ten months ended October, totalled 585,124 acres, an increase of 329,651 acres on the corresponding period last year. Pastoral, special and miscellaneous leases registered amounted to 7,618,681 acres, an increase of 6,207,665 acres.

STATE GOVERNMENT CONSOLIDATED REVENUE & EXPENDITURE.

	Month of October		4 mths ended October	
	1947	1946	1947	1946
Revenue	£ 1,222,228	£ 1,073,489	£ 4,903,494	£ 4,427,126
Revenue per Head of Population	£2.8.5d	£2. 3. 4d.	£9. 14. 7d.	£8. 18. 10d.
Expenditure	1,422,329	1,213,448	5,545,996	4,786,191
Expenditure per Head of Population	£2. 16. 4d.	£2. 8. 11d.	£11. 0. 1d.	£9. 13. 4d.

SAVINGS BANK

Deposits on the 31st October amounted to £36,383,746 or £72.0.4d per head of population, as against £37,683,075 or £75.18.7d per head as at the 31st October last year.

BANK CLEARANCES.

The average weekly clearances for the 5 weeks ended 29th October, 1947 amounted to £4,847,428 compared with £3,792,009 for the corresponding period last year.

REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS.

Registrations effected at the Office of Land Titles & Deeds	October		4 Mths ended October	
	1947	1946	1947	1946
Transfers ... (No.)	1,578	1,655	6,536	6,821
	(£.) 816,159	777,380	3,339,528	3,399,430
Mortgages ... (No.)	1,016	986	4,020	3,880
	(£) 879,926	897,386	3,880,074	3,237,396
Discharges of Mortgages No.	856	845	3,497	3,495

SALES TAX: SALES OF TAXABLE & EXEMPT GOODS AND TAX COLLECTED.

Month of Receipt of Returns	Taxable Goods		Sales of Exempt Goods	Tax Collected
	Sales in Respect of which Tax is payable (Gross)	Sales in respect of which Tax is NOT Payable (Gross)		
<u>1946 -</u>	£	£	£	£
October	1,335,348	1,012,132	2,018,926	200,216
November	1,226,307	1,002,723	1,727,609	186,457
December	922,086	690,278	1,550,072	131,072
<u>1947 -</u>				
January	1,236,382	1,272,141	1,893,777	171,721
February	981,890	1,571,910	2,100,827	130,422
March	1,025,999	1,034,280	1,706,073	148,225
April	1,032,193	904,783	2,181,750	131,075
May	1,133,005	1,172,830	2,513,691	119,906
June	999,553	1,235,966	3,085,537	134,149
July	986,992	890,625	2,815,570	125,720
August	1,181,616	934,743	2,284,635	155,234
September	1,381,485	1,062,710	3,286,715	163,596
October	1,238,310	854,181	2,878,237	156,911

and the first half of the twentieth century, when the number of people living in rural areas fell from 80% to about 50%. The second half of the twentieth century saw a massive increase in urbanisation, with the number of people living in urban areas rising from 20% to 50% by 2000, and it is estimated that by 2050, over 70% of the world's population will be living in urban areas.¹

Urbanisation and its effects

Impacts on the built environment

The most significant impact of urbanisation on the built environment is the rapid growth in the size of cities. This has led to a significant increase in the density of urban areas, particularly in developing countries where there is often a lack of infrastructure and services. This has led to a range of social and economic problems, such as poverty, homelessness, and poor health.

Another major impact of urbanisation is the loss of agricultural land. As more and more people move to cities, there is a demand for more land for housing, industry, and infrastructure. This has led to a significant loss of agricultural land, particularly in developing countries where there is often a lack of alternative land uses.

Finally, urbanisation has led to a significant increase in the amount of waste produced by humans. This has led to a range of environmental problems, such as pollution of air, water, and soil, and the creation of large amounts of waste.

Conclusion

Summary

In conclusion, urbanisation is a complex process that has both positive and negative impacts on the built environment. While it can lead to significant improvements in living standards and opportunities for economic development, it can also lead to a range of social and environmental problems. It is important to understand the causes and consequences of urbanisation in order to develop effective policies and strategies to manage its impacts.

Overall, the impact of urbanisation on the built environment is complex and multifaceted. It is important to consider all factors when assessing the impact of urbanisation on the built environment.

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COMPANIES REGISTERED.

45 Local Companies, with a nominal capital of £1,194,000 and 22 Foreign Companies were registered during the four months ended October, 1947. Registrations for the corresponding period last year comprised 29 Local Companies, with a nominal capital of £378,500 and 16 Foreign Companies.

BANKRUPTCY.

	4 Months ended October.					
	1947			1946		
	No.	Liabilities	Assets	No.	Liabilities	Assets
Sequestration Orders	2	£ 1,663	£ 361	7	£ 7,084	£ 2,412
Deeds of Assignment (a)	1	1,804	1,142	3	6,366	4,612
Deeds of Arrangement	-	-	-	-	-	-

(a) Includes Compositions and Schemes of Arrangement.

TRANSPORT.

The operations of the State Government Railways open for general and passenger traffic were as follows:

	September		3 months ended September	
	1947	1946	1947	1946
Gross Earnings	(£	399,500	326,900	1,160,700
Working Expense	(£	428,436	345,056	1,266,890
Train Miles Run		615,675	524,975	1,861,966
Passenger Journeys		1,296,940	1,318,543	3,487,271
Tonnage Carried -				
Paying Goods		219,334	170,790	666,713
Livestock		18,345	13,905	44,513
Departmental (Free Freight)		50,275	43,758	156,798
Total:		287,954	228,453	148,730
Net Ton Mileage of -				
Paying Goods		32,384,557	23,002,453	99,090,992
Livestock		2,585,388	1,767,098	6,115,850
Departmental (Free Freight)		9,379,581	6,703,835	27,203,467
Total:		44,349,526	32,073,386	132,410,309
				108,355,729

MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS.

(1) NEW VEHICLES REGISTERED (Excluding Commonwealth-Owned Vehicles)

Period	METROPOLITAN AREA				ENTIRE STATE			
	Cars (Including Hire Cars)	Wagons, Vans, Utilities	Buses	Motor Cycles	Cars (Including Hire Cars)	Wagons, Vans, Utilities	Buses	Motor Cycles
Year 1946 1947	No. 536	No. 328	No. 11	No. 422	No. 637	No. 718	No. 16	No. 513
January	111	27	2	52	149	79	2	66
February	95	38	1	65	137	108	1	85
March	84	54	1	67	129	156	1	80
April	63	34	3	34	95	112	3	48
May	83	42	1	36	126	127	2	60
June	83	26	-	32	163	89	-	45
July	142	73	3	41	256	194	5	77
August	115	58	4	41	195	167	8	69
September	133	43	-	47	227	180	1	82
October	145	55	8	64	(a)	(a)	(a)	(a)

(a) Not yet available.

(2) MOTOR VEHICLES IN USE (EFFECTIVE REGNS.)
(Excluding Commonwealth-owned vehicles)

Date (as at end of Month)	METROPOLITAN AREA				ENTIRE STATE			
	Cars (Including Hire Cars)	Wagons, Vans, Utilities	Buses	Motor Cycles	Cars (Including Hire Cars)	Wagons, Vans, Utilities	Buses	Motor Cycles
1946 - June	No. 19,214	No. 7,989	No. 204	No. 4,295	No. 31,316	No. 28,147	No. 309	No. 6,794
December 1947 -	19,770	8,878	243	4,709	31,777	30,096	319	7,324
June	20,522	9,467	255	5,290	32,793	31,382	331	8,196
July	20,210	9,251	255	4,599	31,460	28,627	350	6,641
August	20,471	9,420	244	4,791	32,498	30,881	349	7,159
Sept.	20,739	9,558	244	4,969	33,026	31,668	350	7,476

(3) COMMONWEALTH OWNED VEHICLES (Excluding Defence Service Vehicles).

1947 - September	Cars	Wagons, Vans, etc.	Buses	Motor Cycles.
	99	399	6	3

TRADE.

Trade of Western Australia (Interstate and Oversea) September, 1947 and 1946 and 3 months ending September, 1947 and 1946 - expressed in terms of Australian Currency.

	IMPORTS				EXPORTS (Including Ships' Stores)			
	September		3 Months ended September		September		3 Months ended September	
	1947	1946	1947	1946	1947	1946	1947	1946
	£1000)	£1000)	£1000)	£1000)	£1000)	£1000)	£1000)	£1000)
Oversea	1,330	667	3,764	1,951	1,630	1,138	5,633	5,426
Interstate	1,807	1,911	6,054	5,132	682	365	2,169	951
Total:	3,137	2,578	9,818	7,083	2,312	1,503	7,802	6,377

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BUILDING ACTIVITY.

(Note: These tables supersede particulars published in previous reports of Building Permits issued by Local Authorities.)

(1) NEW BUILDINGS COMPLETED.

Period	Houses and Other Dwellings (a)		Factories		Other		Total	
	No.	Value	No.	Value	No.	Value	No.	Value
June Qr. 1946	295	£,000 271	15	£,000 41	35	£,000 40	345	£,000 352
Sept. Qr. 1946	364	337	14	20	44	59	422	416
Dec. Qr. 1946	451	445	16	16	40	72	507	533
Mch. Qr. 1947	412	423	7	8	50	131	469	562
Jne. Qr. 1947	483	515	8	5	32	35	523	555
Sep. Qr. 1947	670	699	9	17	40	66	719	782

(a) Excluding Owner-Built Dwellings.

(2) HOUSE CONSTRUCTION.

(Excluding Owner-Built Homes).

Note: Monthly figures are preliminary only.

Period	Number Completed				Total
	Brick, Stone, Concrete, etc.	Wood or Mainly Wood	Fibro-Cement or Mainly Fibro-Cement	Other	
1946 -					
June Qr.	124	37	68	66	295
Sep. Qr.	144	64	94	62	364
Dec. Qr.	229	38	140	40	447
1947 -					
Mch. Qr.	201	31	139	39	410
Jne. Qr.	259	43	163	15	480
Sep. Qr.	302	77	285	3	667
October - Month	88	28	83	1	200
Total 10 Months	850	179	670	58	1,757

BUTTER PRODUCTION IN FACTORIES.

2,158,429 lbs. were produced during September, 1947 and 5,333,888 lbs. for the three months ended September, 1947, as against 1,799,564 lbs. and 4,423,648 lbs. respectively for the corresponding periods last year.

GOLD PRODUCTION.

	OCTOBER		10 MTHS ENDED OCTOBER	
	1947	1946	1947	1946
Quantity ... Fine oz.	59,562	55,003	587,273	500,662
Value (Australian Currency) £	641,041	591,965	6,320,522	5,388,375

Dividends Reported by Gold Mining Companies for the ten months ended October, 1947 amounted to £558,361. Dividends reported for the corresponding period last year were £500,349.

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RETAIL PRICES INDEX NUMBERS.

(Base, Weighted Average of Six Capital Cities for 1923/27 = 1000)

	OCTOBER		4 MTHS ENDED OCTOBER	
	1947	1946	1947	1946
Food and Groceries -				
Metropolitan Area	1,117	1,053	1,119	1,056
Kalgoorlie-Boulder	1,254	1,183	1,251	1,189
Northam	1,145	1,067	1,143	1,071
Bunbury	1,128	1,050	1,126	1,054
Geraldton	1,150	1,076	1,151	1,080
Collie	1,142	1,067	1,142	1,070

ESTIMATED TOTAL EMPLOYMENT.

(Excluding Rural and Private Domestic.)

Figures Supplied by Commonwealth Statistician.

Month	Males	Females	Persons
<u>1946</u> -			
September	97,594	34,455	132,049
October	98,688	34,660	133,348
November	99,166	34,700	133,866
December	100,130	34,939	135,069
<u>1947</u> -			
January	100,807	34,392	135,199
February	101,861	34,815	136,676
March	102,999	35,339	138,338
April	102,697	35,266	137,963
May	103,356	35,479	138,835
June	103,935	35,542	139,477
July	104,271	35,640	139,911
August	104,124	35,816	139,940
September	105,208	35,888	141,096

EMPLOYMENT INDEX SERIES.

	FACTORIES (Base: 1928/29 (19,799 Employees = 100))					RETAIL ESTABLISHMENTS (b) (Base: July 1941 (9,578 Emp- loyees = 100))				
	1943	1944	1945	1946(a)	1947 (a)	1943	1944	1945	1946	1947
January	128	137	142	145	162	865	826	870	995	1,134
February	130	138	142	148	163	861	824	868	1016	1,138
March	132	139	144	151	163	846	825	877	1045	1,145
April	134	139	144	153	162	835	827	876	1051	1,144
May	131	140	144	154	164	836	832	891	1069	1,151
June	135	139	145	154	165	835	829	903	1087	1,153
July	136	140	146	156(a)	165	828	832	899	1096	1,168
August	136	140	145	157	166	814	832	897	1109	1,181
September	137	140	143	158	168	806	834	914	1114	1,172
October	138	140	141	161		801	837	929	1118	
November	136	141	141	160		814	851	965	1133	
December	137	142	145	161		840	886	1012	1165	

(a) Figures subsequent to June, 1946 are preliminary and are based primarily on Pay Roll Tax Returns.

(b) Indexes computed by Commonwealth Statistician from Pay Roll Tax Returns.

UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS.

(Figures supplied by Commonwealth Statistician)

Month	Admittances			Discharges			On Benefit end of month.		
	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons
<u>1946</u>									
August	858	29	887	930	29	959	1,243	42	1,285
September	586	12	598	655	25	680	1,174	29	1,203
October	375	10	385	554	13	567	995	26	1,021
November	5,660	722	6,382	5,376	710	6,086	1,279	38	1,317
December	448	18	466	541	21	562	1,186	35	1,221
<u>1947</u>									
January	483	8	491	668	17	685	1,001	26	1,027
February	396	12	408	559	15	574	838	23	861
March	459	13	472	549	13	562	748	23	771
April	342	3	345	314	8	322	776	18	794
May	454	11	465	481	15	496	749	14	763
June	347	10	357	352	7	359	744	17	761
July (a)	404	12	416	366	14	380	782	15	797
August (a)	355	10	365	538	10	548	599	15	614

(a) Subject to revision.

ELECTRICITY SUPPLY - METROPOLITAN AREA.

(Generated by the W.A. Government Power Station)

	OCTOBER		4 MTHS ENDED OCTOBER	
	1947	1946	1947	1946
Units Generated (1000 KWH)	18,990	17,552	76,785	71,692
Units Sold (1000 KWH)	16,157	14,451	65,627	60,504

LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTERINGS IN PRINCIPAL ESTABLISHMENTS.

Month	Cattle	Calves	Sheep	Pigs
October, 1947	No. 5,340	No. 377	No. 199,952	No. 10,761
October, 1946	No. 5,001	No. 452	No. 167,829	No. 13,681
10 Months ended October, 1947	85,513	3,912	819,481	101,100
10 " " October, 1946	79,795	3,286	765,604	135,172

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